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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION: RAIL (05.03):  
EXCHANGE OF RAILWAY TIES, COUPLER

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS DOT FOR RAMUNDO TPI-42

REF: STATE 25274, MOSCOW 1504,

1. EMBOFF 3 FEBRUARY INFORMED METAL'NIKOV OF CONTENTS REF A. METAL'NIKOV PROMISED TO VERIFY INFORMATION, INCLUDING THAT ON FUNDING OF SHIPMENT, WITH MORFLOT AND MINRAIL. METAL'NIKOV STATED THAT SOVIET REPS IN NYC AND WASHINGTON HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN INFORMED ON FUNDING QUESTION (REF B), AND THAT IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MINRAIL TO PAY CHARGE IF ONLY DOLLARS ACCEPTED. METAL'NIKOV ALSO REACTED WITH SURPRISE TO MENTION OF PORT ELIZABETH, STATING THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT SHIP DOCKING NYC. METAL'NIKOV PROMISED TO VERIFY, BUT DOT MAY WANT TO CHECK PARTICULARS WITH SOVIET REPS NYC. EMBOFF MADE SPECIAL REQUEST THAT SHIP'S CAPTAIN BE FULLY BRIEFED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE INCIDENT OF TOO-LATE COMMUNICATION TO SHIP WAS PART OF FOUL-UP ON TRANSFER OF COUPLER. METAL'NIKOV PROMISED TO DO SO, AND ADDED THAT ON COUPLER TRANSFER HE HAD PERSONALLY BEEN ASSURED BY A DEPUTY MINISTER THAT THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN WOULD BE NOTIFIED.

2. METAL'NIKOV SAID THAT HEOR ISHCHENKO WOULD ADVISE FURTHER SHORTLY.  
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